

Repeating Courses Affect Financial Aid

A new federal regulation limits the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive financial aid for that course (Effective July 1, 2011).

If a student gets a 'W', 'Q', or an 'F' in a course, that student is allowed to repeat the course and receive financial aid (assuming he/she is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress) until he/she receives a 'D' or better. Once the student has received a 'D' grade or better, he/she can repeat the course a second time and still receive federal aid. A student is allowed one repeat after passing a course. The third time the student repeats a course in which he/she has earned a 'D' or better, the Financial Aid Office cannot provide federal funding for that repeated course.

Listed below are a few scenarios for example purposes:

Grades Received

D, F	If the student repeats the course 3 rd time, that course is not eligible for aid.
F, F, D, W, F	If the student repeats the course 6 th time, that course is not eligible for aid.
F, F, D, D	If the student repeats the course 5 th time, that course is not eligible for aid.
UF, W,C, D	If the student repeats the course 5 th time, that course is not eligible for aid.

This rule applies whether or not the student received aid for earlier enrollments in the course.

All repeated courses affect financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress calculations. A repeated course, along with all the other attempts, must be counted as attempted credit hours. If the course replaces a previous course, such as a student retaking for a higher grade, only the included courses count in the completion ratio. All students must successfully complete 67% of cumulative attempted hours by the end of each term.